

ABSTRACT

A clamp 10 for holding two elongate members 23a, 23b so that they extend at a preset angle from each other, comprising: two clamp portions 12, 14 each having cooperating engaging surfaces 16a, 16b, each clamp portion having an axial bore 18a, 18b extending perpendicularly to the engaging surfaces and a receiving portion for holding one of the elongate members; a stem or rod 19, passing through the bore of the clamp portions and attached at one end to a lever or handle 20 for rotating the stem in the bore, and a cam acting between the stem and at least one of the clamp portions so that the clamp portions can be moved from a position in which the engaging surfaces are not engaged to a position in which the engaging surfaces cooperatively engage by rotating the lever by approximately 90°.

An umbrella assembly 40 comprising an umbrella head and a pole 42 for supporting the umbrella head, the umbrella head having a runner slidably mounted on a shaft portion of the umbrella head and stretchers extending radially from the said runner to the ribs, and a clamp 10, 10', 10'' for releasably attaching the umbrella head to the pole.

Fig. 5